

What is the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Center for Global Health?

The Center for Global Health (CGH) was established in 2011 to coordinate international activities across NCI. The center oversees research activities through the following programs:

- Cancer Research in China
- Cancer Research in Latin America
- International Cancer Research
- Cancer Research in Europe

When will CGH have identified a vision and its priorities?

During the next 6 months, CGH will be working to develop a set of priorities that incorporate perspectives from NCI and CGH leadership and staff, as well as from our partners and stakeholders. This will result in a vision that builds on the prior excellent work and global cancer research activities of the leadership and staff from a number of NCI offices and programs.

Will CGH act as a gateway for international researchers and organizations?

CGH will serve as the principal portal to global cancer research at NCI. Some international researchers and organizations working directly with specific NCI Divisions, Offices and Centers (DOCs) will likely continue to work directly with those programs. In all cases, CGH will keep track of NCI's international collaborations.

Will CGH continue to have in-country staff?

Those staffing decisions will be based on scientific opportunities and partnerships. The primary mission of CGH in-country staff is to facilitate global cancer research collaborations between international researchers and organizations, and the NCI.

Will CGH promote capacity building and research collaborations?

CGH will collaborate with our partners to build research capacity, assess cancer burden, share knowledge, and build on evidence-based research to inform global cancer control in low- and middle-income countries. CGH will also facilitate cancer research through close collaboration with other developed countries to leverage NCI's existing investments and make progress in cancer research.

How will NCI's current global cancer research programs be transitioned into CGH?

All existing global cancer research programs that are under the purview of the CGH will be evaluated to determine their relevancy with the CGH mission and priorities, and their alignment with NCI and NIH programmatic review policies. These programs will be transitioned into the CGH in consultation with relevant NCI program staff within CGH and across other NCI DOCs.

How will the CGH mission align with and complement the NIH Fogarty International Center (FIC)?

The CGH will work closely to build upon the partnerships and infrastructure established through the FIC, as well as to develop closer collaboration with FIC staff for regional and programmatic initiatives.

Will CGH be a grant making office?

The CGH does not have grant making authority at this time. In general, NCI DOCs will continue to be the primary grant makers based on their expertise and the areas of scientific research for which they have primary responsibility. As NCI expands its role in global cancer research, the CGH may gain authority to issue grants.

How will CGH keep partners informed of new developments?

Keeping our partners informed is an important and considerable undertaking. The CGH will continue to use the center's web site (http://www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/globalhealth) to provide relevant and timely information to our partners. Additionally, the CGH program staff will continue to interact with our colleagues in the international community and provide updates as necessary. Most importantly, all current projects will continue as planned and new ones will be identified, based on the CGH's priorities. We invite you to contact us for any inquiries related to the CGH. Please send us your questions or comments to: nciglobalhealth@mail.nih.gov or write to us at: 6130 Executive Blvd., Suite 100, Bethesda, MD 20892-7301.

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